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The politically motivated litigation against Microsoft was initially not appropriate in my personal judgment, but that is no longer the issue. Severe damage to the National economy, and to the investment portfolios of countless citizens, has been a direct consequence of this morass initiated by statutes not appropriate to the technology of this era. Our National government has a very definitive role to combat terrorism, without continuing action to dismantle an industrial leader of the free world. The process and expense of the proposed settlement action is much more than appropriate, but should be approved to end the endless expenditure of both public and private time and effort. Further, it would be most appropriate to penalize any State that does not agree to the terms of settlement extended by DOJ and Microsoft, and attempts to continue the litigation. There are significant issues of National security that need the entire focus and effort of the free world without the USA dismantling our economic structure internally!

Thank you for considering our view. Dale L. and Jane C. Wierman